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GULFPORT FIELD, MISSISSIPPI

Dear Uncle Harry,

I'm terribly sorry I haven't written to you any sooner than this, but I've been drilling and working hard all the time. They really keep us busy, here at Gulfport. Yesterday it snowed a little and we drilled in the snow and on the cold ground. I've always been told how beautiful snow was, but I don't believe it was the time and place for me to appreciate it. The army's not half as bad as I may make it seem; in fact, in a few months I hope it makes a man of me.

Uncle Harry, how are all the boys and girls, Aunt Sanya, Poppy, Jean and everyone else at home? I called the other day on my way to Gulfport, but neither you nor Jean was at home. I suppose you know how much I appreciate your guidance and attention while I was at the home, so there's no need for me to tell you. I'm not going to thank you, because I haven't the words, but you can bet your last pipeful of tobacco I'll never forget you and all at the home who helped to make me do my best to make a respectable and upright person of myself.



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I'm sure I haven't reached the goal-line yet that we set, but I'm going to make it, & I'll have you to thank for it.

Uncle Harry, I would be very grateful to you if you'd have my birth-certificate sent to me. I'm going to try to be a bombardier in the Army Air Corps. I'll need my certificate of birth in order to become an officer. I would appreciate it a great deal if you would write a letter of recommendation for me. I hope I'm deserving of it, & if you think I am, please write one for me.

Give all the boys and girls and everyone at home my regards and Tell Aunt Sonya and Pappy I'll write soon, but I'm awfully busy right now. Take care of yourself and please write soon. I surely do want to hear from you.

One of your boys,
Jake.

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December 21, 1943

Pvt. Jake Levine
403rd T.G. Flight "E".
Gulfport Field, Miss.

Dear Jake:

I am enclosing your birth certificate as you asked, and at the same time must tell you how much I enjoyed your letter. I enjoyed it Jake, because it seemed to me that a fine character shown out through it all. You show a kindly appreciative attitude, appreciative in the sense that you have a feeling of awareness of those who are projected into your life, and with that the good will of others will flow into your life continuously to enrich it. And coupled with that is an ambition to improve yourself and to go on, which should indeed make you a happy man.

You asked for a letter of recommendation which is a difficult one to write when one does not know to whom it is to be addressed. I am taking a chance, however, in addressing it "To whom it may concern".

We are a bit busy what with Hanukkah and preparations for anniversary. Many of the children are ill but not seriously so. That epidemic of colds has not passed over our home.

My dearest good wishes to you for a happy year.

Affectionately,

New Orleans, La.
December 21st, 1943

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mr. Jake Levine is a young man whom I have known throughout his growing years and it is a pleasure to me to recommend him to those who have the right and the desire to have some information regarding him. His outstanding characteristic is that of high character and integrity, an appreciation of those with whom he comes in contact, and an ambition to improve himself and make of himself a useful citizen. He has an intelligent mind, which joined with so fine a character will I am sure, make him a highly desirable participant in any useful service.

Signed _____